

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

**♦DATE**:

January 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Miami Tropical Marathon - Neighborhood Meeting

Now in its fourth year, the Miami Tropical Marathon, this year featuring ING as a prestigious title sponsor, is well on its way in establishing itself among other elite marathons such as San Diego, Chicago, Boston and New York. The 26.2-mile course will begin and end in front of the American Airlines Arena and run through the City of Miami Beach, City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

The Miami Tropical Marathon is scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 29, with a 5:50 a.m. wheelchair start and a 6:00 a.m. runner start time. The 5K, now in its second year, will take place Saturday, January 30. Race organizers expect over 15,000 participants to compete in the marathon or half-marathon. In both races, all marathon racers will have completed their course or exited the City of Miami Beach by 8:30 a.m. The race route will go as follows (see attached route maps):

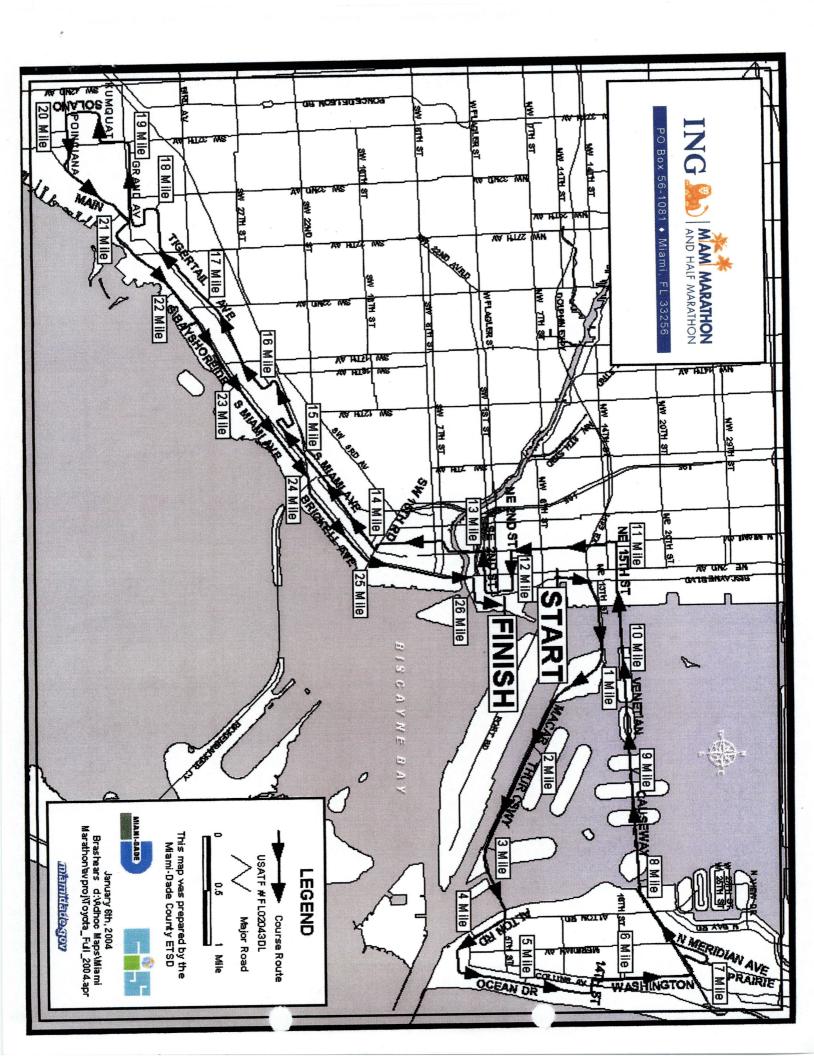
North on Biscayne - Exit City of Miami, East on MacArthur Causeway, Southeast on Alton Road, East on Biscayne Street (South Point Drive), North on Ocean Drive, West on 14th Street, North on Washington Avenue, Southwest on Dade Boulevard, North on Prairie Avenue, West on 23rd Street, South on Meridian Avenue, Southwest on Dade Boulevard, West on the Venetian Causeway, Enter City of Miami. The 5K ends on South Point Drive near Washington Avenue.

The Miami Beach Police Department will implement a comprehensive traffic plan that includes over 50 police officers, volunteers and numerous detour signs that will allow traffic to flow with ease.

Much effort has been put forth in notifying the neighborhoods to be effected by the marathon, including Palm/Hibiscus and Star Islands, South Pointe, Ocean Drive, Middle Beach and the Venetian Islands. Please be advised that a neighborhood meeting will be held to discuss the Miami Tropical Marathon on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 5:30 pm in the Tourism and Cultural Development conference room.

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Aerial Photos, 2001 & 2003 Course Route



This map was prepared by the Miami-Dade County ETSD

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